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MEMORANDUM

TO: JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Representative Jimmy Dixon, Co-Chair
Representative Pat McElraft, Co-Chair
Senator Brent Jackson, Co-chair

FROM: Anderson Miller
Director of Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Marine Patrol and Shellfish Sanitation Equipment Sales
Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE: March 6, 2018

Pursuant to Session Law 2017-57, the Division of Marine Fisheries shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources on the proceeds of the dispositions authorized from the sale of the equipment.

The Habitat and Enhancement Section sold the 1991 Lull telehandler with proceeds of \$5,566, the 1984 LRT-100 crane with proceeds of \$4,117, and the 1999 Hudson Brothers lowboy trailer with proceeds of \$1,450. The Habitat and Enhancement Section also sold the M/V West Bay with proceeds of \$59,985.

The proceeds from the sale of this equipment, totaling \$71,028, will be used to cover a large portion of the design cost of a new 135-foot barge, replacing the M/V West Bay. This barge will be used to deploy cultch material to create and enhance reef sites. These reefs will provide an increase in essential habitat available for many species of invertebrates, including oysters, as well as many species of fish.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 919-707-8618 or via email at anderson.miller@ncdenr.gov.

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